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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ELAB, TH, US

SUBJECT: AIR AMERICA STRIKE AT UDORN

EA/TB FOR DEXTER

1. STRIKERS AT UDORN ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE BEAT UP A COUPLE OF AMERICAN MECHANICS THE MORNING OF JANUARY 16. THE STRIKERS HAVE INTIMIDATED AIR AMERICA GUARDS AND NO GUARDS WERE ON HAND EARLY IN THE DAY. THE CONSUL IN UDORN HAS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH THE PROVINCE POLICE CHIEF WHO HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE POLICE GUARDS AROUND THE AIR AMERICA INSTALLATION.

2. UDORN WILL BE REPORTING BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THESE EVENTS AS THEY UNFOLD. WHILE THE STRIKE HAS SO FAR GONE ALMOST UNNOTICED IN BANGKOK, WE WOULD HOPE, IN THE WAKE OF THE SAKON NAKHON LETTER INCIDENT, TO AVOID ANY FURTHER CAUSE CELEBRE THAT COULD EXACERBATE THAI-U.S. RELATIONS. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT APPRISE AIR AMERICA OF OUR CONCERN. IT WOULD ALSO HELP TO URGE FLEXIBILITY ON THE PART OF AIR AMERICA NEGOTIATORS IN UDORN, AS WELL AS IN THE TERMS AIR AMERICA OFFERS THE STRIKERS.

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